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Booster Club Q&A

Q: What is the purpose of the Booster Club?

A: The purpose of the club is to support the officially recognized RCCSS athletic and fine arts programs in such ways as may be of assistance to the students, families, school, coaches, faculty and staff.

Q: Wasn't there a Booster Club before?

A: Yes, at one time the Booster Club was very important at the school. However, it has not been active over the last five years. Parents are getting together now to restart the Booster Club with renewed interest and motivation.

Q: What sort of fundraisers and activities will be handled by the Booster Club?

A: The sky's the limit! To begin with, the Booster Club will manage concessions, apparel and merchandise, event programs, performing arts, homecoming, senior nights, and other activities of interest. Parents are invited to bring ideas.

Q: How does one become a member of the Booster Club?

A: Anyone who has a shared interest to promote the athletic and fine arts activities is welcome. You become a member by attending the annual May meeting or by attending two regular meetings in a year. Membership allows you to vote for any item that goes in front of the club.

Q: How will funds raised by the Booster Club be distributed? What are they used for?

A: Any sport or activity within the school may fill out a grant award form to request funds from the Booster Club. The membership has sole discretion in granting awards. Most of the revenue will be used for equipment, supplies, event programs, promotion, and other needs expressed by the sports and fine arts programs. The Club will also set aside 25% of its income to set up a facilities fund to be used for capital improvements of sports and activities venues.

Q: Will individual sports and activities continue to be allowed to seek donations and run fundraisers?

A: Yes.

Q: What is going to happen to the Quarterback Club or the Fine Arts Club? Will they still exist?

A: Yes, activity specific clubs may carry on if they wish. However, the Booster Club will be the predominant organization for all sports and activities.

Q: What about Cavalier Club and the All-Sports Clubs. What will happen to those clubs?

A: Those clubs will disappear and be supplanted by the Booster Club.

Q: How is the school involved with the Booster Club?

A: The school board, coaches, athletic staff, principals, and staff are grateful that the Booster Club is being formed by parents. The school has assigned Coach Shaw to be the school liaison for the Booster Club. He will assist parents in starting committees and helping get the club on track.

Q: Will the Booster Club have any start-up funds?

A: Yes, the school has approved to move the concessions fund money to the Booster Club. The balance in the account is \$14,779.

Q: Can donations to the Booster Club be designated for a specific use?

A: It will be up to the Booster Club membership to decide if it will allow designated donations. However, it is expected that most of the income that comes into the Booster Club will be derived from concessions, apparel, and fundraising events rather than through direct donations.

Q: Will money be taken out of the sports for the Booster Club?

A: No. All money raised by a sport or activity through participation fees, uniform fees, and fundraisers stay within the sport and activity. Any money left over after the season carries over to next season. The Activities Director or Head Coach can provide parents a financial report for a specific sport. The Booster Club simply provides additional dollars to activities that request funds as needed.

Q: What about officers of the Booster Club?

A: Tonight, the Booster Club will elect a President, VP, Treasurer, and Secretary. You may be nominated for any of these positions if you would like to serve for a two year term (one year for VP and Secretary). The officers will facilitate the meetings, keep finances and record the minutes of the meetings.

Q: Is there a governing document for the Booster Club?

A: Yes, the Booster Club is governed by by-laws. Pick up a set at the front table or go to www.rccss.org/booster to view the documents, minutes, and other information.

Q: How often does the Booster Club meet?

A: The Booster Club will meet every month except July. Meetings are open to all.

Q: Will sports and fine arts coaches and parents be asked to attend Booster Club meetings?

A: Yes, it is encouraged that coaches attend or send representatives to Booster Club meetings in order to report on activities.

Q: How do I become involved?

A: Join a committee. If you have an area of interest and want to volunteer time and ideas please consider signing up for a committee. Coach Shaw will be contacting you to help you get introduced to other parents and get the committee off the ground. Attend meetings and be active!